

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 2312-01
BILL NO.: SB 542
SUBJECT: Counties: Public Administrators, Salaries
TYPE: Original
DATE: January 28, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| Local Government | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight assumes no state fiscal impact.

Cole County officials stated that the Public Administrator currently makes \$47,000 and assumes this proposal would have no fiscal impact.

Saline County officials assume that fees would not offset the cost of the Public Administrator salary and deputy administrator.

Officials estimate income for FY 2001, from fees at \$35,000 and costs of \$69,000; for FY 2002, officials estimated income from fees at \$35,000 with costs of \$70,000; and in FY 2003 income from fees are estimated at \$35,000 with costs of \$71,000.

Cass County officials assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact.

Pettis County officials assume that fees would cover the cost of salaries and operation of the Public Administrator office.

Oversight assumes counties could incur additional costs for public administrator salaries.

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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2001 (10 Mo.) \$0 | FY 2002 \$0 | FY 2003 \$0 |
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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2001 (6 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
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COUNTIES

Cost

Public Administrator and
 staff salaries

(Unknown) (Unknown) (Unknown)

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This act changes the compensation of public administrators. The act affects all 2nd, 3rd and 4th classification counties' public administrators. Compensation would be based on the number of "letters issued" with minimum salaries at varying steps. The steps are:

0-5 letters: minimum salary of \$7,500; 6-15 letters: minimum salary of \$15,000; 16-30 letters: minimum salary of \$30,000; and 30 or more letters: minimum salary of \$50,000.

The initial compensation will be based on the average number of letters for the two preceding years. Steps up or down are based on a two year average if the number of letters warrants a differing step.

All counties, except charter counties, shall include their public administrators in the county salary commission system, subject to the minimum salary requirements.

The public administrators' full time staff would be considered "county employees". They are not currently county employees as the public administrator is a fee based office. Any public administrator with 50 or more cases receives a full time staff person paid for by the county.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

RWB:VLM:OD:005 (9-94)

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Cole County Clerk
Cass County Clerk
Saline County Clerk
Pettis County Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
January 28, 2000